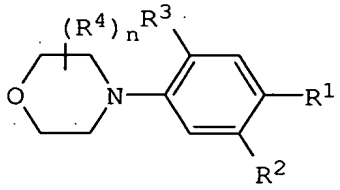
IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-37. (Cancelled).

38. (Currently amended) A compound having a formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

n is an integer 0 through 2;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $N(R^h)_2$, OR^h, carboxy, nitro, cyano, CHO, carboxamide, thiocarboxamide, ~~acyl~~ $R^aC(=O)$, trifluoromethyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, carbamoyl, carboxamide, $N(R^h)_2$, carboxy, OR^h, sulfamyl, nitro, $OP(=O)(OR^h)_2$, and sulfonamide; or

R^1 and R^2 are taken together with the carbon atoms to which each is attached to form a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered unsaturated or partially saturated ring, wherein 1, 2, or 3 carbon atoms of R^1 and R^2 optionally are a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, and P, said ring optionally substituted with one or more =O, =S, =NH, OR^h, $N(R^h)_2$, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, or substituted heteroaryl, said nitrogen or phosphorus heteroatom optionally substituted with a group consisting of aryl, substituted

aryl, alkyl, alkyl substituted with ~~acyl~~ $R^aC(=O)$, and ~~acyl~~ $R^aC(=O)$;

R^3, independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, sulfonamido, sulfamyl, sulfonyl chloride, and sulfo;

wherein R^a is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, and substituted heterocycloalkyl;

~~wherein~~ R^h, independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl; and

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R^4, independently, is selected from the group consisting of OR^h, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, and substituted aryl;

and wherein cycloalkyl is a nonaromatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having three to six carbon atoms;

heterocycloalkyl is a monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic nonaromatic partially unsaturated or saturated ring system having 3 to 10 members and having one to four heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur;

heteroaryl is a cyclic aromatic ring system having five- to ten-ring atoms, wherein one- to four-ring atoms independently are selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur, and the remaining ring atoms are carbon;

substituted alkyl is an alkyl group having a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substi-

tuted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, $N(R^h)_2$, OR^h, SR^h, sulfoxide, sulfonyl, halo, $R^aC(=O)$, carboxy, hydrazino, hydrazono, and hydroxyamino;

substituted aryl is an aryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h, $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl;

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substituted heteroaryl is a heteroaryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h, $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl; and

substituted heterocycloalkyl is a heterocycloalkyl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h, $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl;

with the proviso that when R^2 and R^4 are hydrogen, and R^3 is H, then R^1 is different from $-(CO)-CH_3$, and nitro.

39. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 38 wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of -H, -OH, $-NH_2$, $-CH_2OH$, $-C\equiv N$, $-(CO)-N(R^h)_2$, $-(CO)-OH$, $-(CO)-O-CH_3$, $-(CO)-CF_3$, -(CO)H, $-NO_2$, -(CO)-alkyl, -(CO)-substituted alkyl, -(CO)-aryl, -(CO)-substituted aryl, -(CO)-heteroaryl, and $-(CO)-CH_2-N(R^h)_2$.

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40. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 38 wherein R^2 is -OH, $-CH_2-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NH-(CO)-CF_3$, $-NH-(CO)-CH_3$, $-NH-(SO_2)-CH_3$, $-NH-CH_3$, and $-N(CH_3)-(CO)-CF_3$.

41. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A compound ~~of claim 38~~ having a formula